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Applicant(s): Anthony M. Gallo et al.					
Invention: METHOD FOR BRIDGING CONTROL POINT DATA FRAMES USING A NETWORK PROCESSOR					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004 (Paper No. 13), please consider the amendment and remarks below concerning the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the **LIST OF CLAIMS** that begins on page 2.  
**REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.